



1 TOURISM, ARTS, AND HERITAGE CABINET

2 Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

3 (Amendment)

4 301 KAR 2:222. Waterfowl hunting requirements on public lands.

5 RELATES TO: KRS 150.010(40), 150.305(1), 150.330, 150.340(1), (3), 150.990

6 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 150.025(1), 150.360, 150.600(1), 50 C.F.R. 20, 21

7 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department
8 to promulgate administrative regulations to establish open seasons for the taking of
9 wildlife and to regulate bag limits. KRS 150.360 authorizes the department to restrict
10 methods of taking wildlife. KRS 150.600(1) authorizes the department to regulate the
11 taking of waterfowl on public and private land. This administrative regulation establishes
12 requirements for the taking of waterfowl within reasonable limits and within the
13 frameworks established by 50 C.F.R. Parts 20 and 21.

14 Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Blind" means a:

15 (a) Concealed enclosure;

16 (b) Pit; or

17 (c) Boat.

18 (2) "Department blind" means a permanently fixed blind structure built by the

1 department.

2 (3) "Hunt site" means a specific location where waterfowl hunting is allowed, as
3 approved by the department or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

4 (4) "Layout blind" means a portable blind that when fully deployed allows one (1)
5 person to be concealed above the surface of the ground.

6 (5) "Party" means:

7 (a) A person hunting alone; or

8 (b) Two (2) to four (4) people who share a department blind or hunt site.

9 (6) "Permanent blind" means a blind left in place by a waterfowl hunter longer than
10 twenty-four (24) hours.

11 (7) "Regular waterfowl season" means the open waterfowl season that does not include
12 the Light Goose Conservation Order or the September wood duck, teal, and Canada goose
13 seasons as established in 301 KAR 2:221 and 2:225.

14 (8) "Wildlife Management Area" or "WMA" means a tract of land:

15 (a) Controlled by the department through ownership, lease, license, or cooperative
16 agreement; and

17 (b) That has "Wildlife Management Area" or "WMA" as part of its official name.

18 Section 2. Shot Requirements. A person hunting waterfowl shall not use or possess a
19 shotgun shell:

20 (1) Longer than three and one-half (3 1/2) inches; or

1 (2) Containing:

2 (a) Lead shot;

3 (b) Shot not approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for waterfowl hunting; or

4 (c) Shot larger than size "T".

5 Section 3. (1) Except as established in this section or in Section 4 of this administrative
6 regulation, on a Wildlife Management Area:

7 (a) A person hunting waterfowl shall not:

8 1. Establish or hunt from a permanent waterfowl blind; or

9 2. Hunt within 200 yards of:

10 a. Another occupied hunt site;

11 b. Another legal waterfowl hunting party; or

12 c. An area closed to waterfowl hunting;

13 (b) A person shall not hunt in a designated recreation area or access point;

14 (c) More than four (4) persons shall not occupy a waterfowl blind or hunt site; and

15 (d) A hunter shall remove decoys and personal items daily, except that a hunter drawn
16 for a multiday hunt may choose to leave decoys in place for the duration of the hunt.

17 (2) In order to establish or use a permanent waterfowl blind or hunt site on Lake Barkley,
18 Barren River Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Green River Lake, Nolin River Lake, Paintsville Lake,
19 Rough River Lake, Sloughs, or Doug Travis Wildlife Management Areas, a person:

20 (a) Shall first obtain a waterfowl blind permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or

1 the department;

2 (b) May designate one (1) other person as a partner; and

3 (c) Shall not hold more than one (1) permit per area.

4 (3) A person who participates in a drawing for a hunt site permit shall:

5 (a) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

6 (b) Possess:

7 1. A valid Kentucky hunting license;

8 2. A Kentucky waterfowl permit; and

9 3. A federal duck stamp.

10 (4) The holder of a hunt site permit shall:

11 (a) Construct or establish the blind or hunt site before November 20 or forfeit the
12 permit;

13 (b) Not lock a waterfowl blind; and

14 (c) Remove the blind and blind materials within thirty (30) days after the close of the
15 regular waterfowl season or be ineligible for a permit the following year, unless an
16 extension of time is granted by the department due to~~[based on]~~ weather or water level
17 conflicts.

18 (5) A permanent blind, department blind, or blind site not occupied by the permit
19 holder one (1) hour before sunrise shall be available to another hunter on a first-come,
20 first-served basis.

(6) A waterfowl blind restriction established in this section shall not apply to a falconer if a gun or archery season is not open.

Section 4. Wildlife Management Area Requirements. (1) The regular waterfowl season provisions shall apply, as established in 301 KAR 2:221, except as established in this section.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a waterfowl hunting season that opens prior to October 15, as established in 301 KAR 2:225.

(3) A person shall not:

(a) Hunt on an area marked by a sign as closed to hunting;

(b) Enter an area marked by signs as closed to public access; or

(c) Hunt a species on an area marked by signs as closed to hunting for that species.

(4) On Wildlife Management Areas in Ballard County:

(a) The shotgun shell possession limit shall be fifteen (15), except that the shotgun shell possession limit shall be twenty-five (25) if:

1. The daily bag limit for ducks is greater than three (3); and

2. The daily bag limit for Canada goose is greater than or equal to two (2); and

(b) At least one (1) person in a waterfowl blind shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older if hunting in a department waterfowl blind or hunt site.

(5) At Ballard WMA:

(a) The duck, coot, merganser, and goose season shall be the first Wednesday in

- 1 December through the last Sunday in January;
- 2 (b) Youth waterfowl season shall be the first full weekend in February;
- 3 (c) A person hunting waterfowl shall not hunt on Monday, Tuesday, Christmas Eve,
- 4 Christmas Day, or New Year's Day; and
- 5 (d) A person hunting waterfowl shall:
 - 6 1. Apply for the waterfowl quota hunt as established in Section 5 of this administrative
 - 7 regulation;
 - 8 2. Not hunt waterfowl on the Ohio River from fifty (50) yards upstream of Dam 53 to
 - 9 fifty (50) yards downstream from the southern border of Ballard Wildlife Management
 - 10 Area from October 15 through March 15; and
 - 11 3. Exit the area by 2 p.m. during the regular waterfowl season, except as authorized by
 - 12 the department.
- 13 (6) At Boatwright WMA, including the Olmsted, Peal, and Swan Lake units:
 - 14 (a) A party shall:
 - 15 1. Not hunt on Monday, Tuesday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day;
 - 16 2. Obtain a daily check-in card by 8 a.m. before entering the area from the first
 - 17 Wednesday in December through the last Sunday in January; and
 - 18 3. Check out the same day by:
 - 19 a. Visiting the designated Check station prior to 8 a.m.; or
 - 20 b. Depositing the check-in card at a department-designated drop point after 8 a.m.;

(b) Duck season shall be open one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset beginning Thanksgiving Day for four (4) consecutive days on areas of Boatwright WMA that are open to hunting;

(c) A department blind or hunt site shall be assigned through a daily drawing through the last Sunday in January;

(d) A department blind or hunt site shall be offered to another hunter on a first-come, first-served basis, if the blind or hunt site has not been assigned during the daily drawing;

(e) Waterfowl hunters shall exit the area by 2 p.m. during the regular waterfowl season;

(f) A boat blind shall not be permitted in flooded timber, except:

1. During periods of flood if no other access is possible; or

2. A mobility-impaired hunter may hunt from a boat; and

(g) A party shall only hunt waterfowl:

1. From a department blind; or

2. From layout blinds set so that all layout blinds in the party lie within a twenty-five (25) foot radius from the center of the party, and within 200 yards of a hunt site during the regular waterfowl season.

(7) On the Peal unit of Boatwright WMA:

(a) More than seven (7) parties shall not hunt at the same time on Buck Lake or Flat Lake;

(b) More than four (4) parties shall not hunt at the same time on Fish Lake;

(c) More than three (3) parties shall not hunt at the same time on First Lake or Second Lake; and

(d) A party shall not hunt waterfowl except within twenty-five (25) feet of a hunt site during the regular waterfowl season.

(8) On the Swan Lake Unit of Boatwright WMA:

(a) A person shall not hunt waterfowl from Thanksgiving Day through the first Tuesday in December;

(b) The area open to hunting during the regular waterfowl season shall be open for the Light Goose Conservation Order season as established in 301 KAR 2:221; and

(c) Blind restrictions shall not apply to the Light Goose Conservation Order season.

(9) Lake Barkley WMA.

(a) A permanent blind shall only be established within ten (10) yards of a blind site.

(b) Waterfowl refuge areas shall be:

1. The area west of the Cumberland River channel, as marked by buoys, between river mile 51, at Hayes Landing Light, south to the Tennessee Valley Authority's power transmission lines at river mile 55.5, shall be closed from November 1 through February 15; and

2. The area within Honker Bay and Fulton Bay, as marked by buoys and signs, which shall be closed from November 1 through March 15.

(c) A person shall not hunt from October 15 through March 15:

1 1. On Duck Island; or

2 2. Within 200 yards of Duck Island.

3 (10) Barren River Lake WMA. A person hunting waterfowl:

4 (a) May use a breech-loading shotgun along the shoreline of the Peninsula Unit; and

5 (b) Shall not use a breech-loading firearm elsewhere on the area.

6 (11) Big Rivers WMA.

7 (a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

8 (b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

9 (12) Cedar Creek WMA.

10 (a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

11 (b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

12 (13) Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA. A person shall not hunt waterfowl from
13 October 15 through January 14.

14 (14) Lake Cumberland WMA. The following sections shall be closed to the public from
15 October 15 through March 15:

16 (a) The Wesley Bend area, bounded by Fishing Creek, Beech Grove Road, and Fishing
17 Creek Road; and

18 (b) The Yellowhole area, bounded by Fishing Creek Road and Hickory Nut Road.

19 (15) Dix River WMA.

20 (a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

(b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

(16) Doug Travis WMA.

(a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

(b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

(c) A person hunting waterfowl shall exit the area by 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, except as authorized by the department.

(d) On Black Lake, Fish Lake, Forked Lake, Indian Camp Lake, Number Four Lake, Town Creek Moist Soil Unit, and Upper Goose Lake, all waterfowl hunting after November 1 shall be:

1. From hunt sites assigned by a random preseason drawing; and

2. Within ten (10) yards of a hunt site, including periods of Mississippi River flooding.

(17) Grayson Lake WMA. A person shall not hunt waterfowl:

(a) Within the no-wake zone at the dam site marina;

(b) From the shore of Camp Webb;

(c) On Deer Creek Fork; or

(d) Within three-quarters (3/4) of a mile from the dam.

(18) Green River Lake WMA.

(a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

(b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

(19) Kaler Bottoms WMA.

1 (a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

2 (b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

3 (20) Kentucky River WMA.

4 (a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

5 (b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

6 (21) Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

7 (a) The following portions shall be closed to the public from November 1 through
8 March 15:

9 1. Long Creek Pond;

10 2. The eastern one-third (1/3) of Smith Bay, as marked by buoys; and

11 3. The eastern two-thirds (2/3) of Duncan Bay, as marked by buoys.

12 (b) The following portions shall be closed to waterfowl hunting:

13 1. The Environmental Education Center; and

14 2. Energy Lake.

15 (c) A person shall possess an annual Land Between the Lakes Hunting Permit if hunting
16 waterfowl:

17 1. Inland from the water's edge of Kentucky Lake or Barkley Lake; or

18 2. From a boat on a flooded portion of Land Between the Lakes when the lake level is
19 above elevation 359.

20 (d) A person shall not hunt waterfowl on inland areas during a quota deer hunt.

(e) A person shall not establish or use a permanent blind:

1. On an inland area; or

2. Along the Kentucky Lake shoreline of Land Between the Lakes.

(f) A person hunting waterfowl shall remove decoys and personal items daily.

(22) Obion Creek WMA.

(a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

(b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

(23) Ohio River Islands WMA.

(a) A person shall not hunt from October 15 through March 15 on the Kentucky portion of the Ohio River from Smithland Lock and Dam upstream to the power line crossing at approximately river mile 911.5.

(b) Stewart Island shall be closed to public access from October 15 through March 15.

(c) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hours before sunrise until 2 p.m.

(d) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

(24) Peabody WMA.

(a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

(b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

(c) The following areas, as posted by signs, shall be closed to the public from October 15 through March 15:

1. The Sinclair Mine area, bounded by Hwy 176, the haul road, and Goose Lake Road;

1 and

2 2. The Ken area, bounded by Wysox Road, H2 Road, H1 Road, and H6 Road.

3 (25) Pioneer Weapons WMA. A person hunting waterfowl:

4 (a) May use a breech-loading shotgun along the shoreline of Cave Run Lake; and

5 (b) Shall not use a breech-loading firearm elsewhere on the area.

6 (26) Robinson Forest WMA. The main block of the WMA shall be closed to waterfowl
7 hunting.

8 (27) Sloughs WMA.

9 (a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

10 (b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

11 (c) A person hunting waterfowl shall exit the area by 2 p.m. during the regular waterfowl
12 season.

13 (d) On the Jenny Hole-Highlands Creek and Grassy Pond Powell's Lake units, a person
14 hunting waterfowl shall:

15 1. Hunt:

16 a. From a department blind;

17 b. Within twenty-five (25) yards of a hunt site; or

18 c. No closer than 200 yards of another hunting party; and

19 2. Remove decoys and personal items from the area on a daily basis.

20 (e) If the Ohio River reaches a level that requires boat access, a waterfowl hunter:

1 1. May hunt from a boat without regard to department blinds; and

2 2. Shall not hunt closer than 200 yards from another boat.

3 (f) If hunting waterfowl on the Crenshaw and Duncan Tracts of the Sauerheber Unit:

4 1. A person shall not hunt on a Tuesday or Wednesday;

5 2. A person shall hunt from a blind assigned by the department through a drawing as
6 established in Section 5 of this administrative regulation;

7 3. A person may occupy a permitted blind if not claimed by the permittee within one
8 (1) hour before sunrise;

9 4. A person shall not possess more than fifteen (15) shotgun shells, except that the
10 shotgun shell possession limit shall be twenty-five (25) if:

11 a. The daily bag limit for ducks is greater than three (3); and

12 b. The daily bag limit for Canada goose is greater than or equal to two (2);

13 5. If under eighteen (18) years of age, a person shall be accompanied by an adult; and

14 6. The waterfowl blind for a mobility-impaired person shall be open to the public if the
15 permit holder or another mobility-impaired person has not claimed the blind on that day
16 by one (1) hour before sunrise.

17 (g) The Crenshaw and Duncan II tracts of the Sauerheber Unit shall be closed to hunting
18 except for:

19 1. Waterfowl from November 1 through March 15; and

20 2. The modern gun deer season.

(h) The remainder of the Sauerheber Unit shall be closed to the public from November 1 through March 15.

(i) A hunter drawn to hunt Sloughs WMA through a preseason draw shall submit a completed Sloughs WMA Waterfowl Hunter Survey Report at the conclusion of the hunt or shall be ineligible to participate in the waterfowl blind or quota draw the following year.

(28) South Shore WMA.

(a) The WMA shall be closed to hunting from November 15 through January 15, except for waterfowl and dove hunting.

(b) A hunter shall use a department blind.

(c) A department blind shall be available daily on a first-come, first-served basis.

(29) Taylorsville Lake WMA.

(a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

(b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

(30) Yatesville Lake WMA. The following areas shall be closed to waterfowl hunting, unless authorized by Yatesville Lake State Park:

(a) The Greenbrier Creek embayment; and

(b) The lake area north from the mouth of the Greenbrier Creek embayment to the dam, including the island.

(31) Yellowbank WMA. The area designated by a sign and painted boundary marker shall be closed to the public from October 15 through March 15.

1 (a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

2 (b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

3 (32) J.C. Williams WMA.

4 (a) Shooting hours shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 2 p.m.

5 (b) A person shall not enter a hunting area prior to 4 a.m. daily.

6 Section 5. Ballard WMA and Sloughs WMA. (1) A person applying to hunt waterfowl on

7 Ballard WMA or the Sauerheber Unit of Sloughs WMA shall:

8 (a) Apply by:

9 1. Calling 1-877-598-2401 and completing the telephone application process; or

10 2. Completing the online Ballard or Sloughs Waterfowl Quota Hunt Form process on
11 the department's Web site at fw.ky.gov;

12 (b) Apply from September 1 through September 30;

13 (c) Pay a three (3) dollar application fee for each application; and

14 (d) Not apply more than one (1) time for each hunt.

15 (2) A person drawn to hunt may bring up to three (3) additional hunters.

16 (3) A person shall be declared ineligible to hunt in department waterfowl quota hunts
17 during the remaining portion of the waterfowl season and declared ineligible to apply for
18 any department quota hunt the following year if the hunter violates state or federal
19 regulations while waterfowl hunting on WMAs that have a preseason or daily drawing.

20 Section 6. State Parks. (1) Waterfowl hunting shall be prohibited, except there shall be

an open waterfowl hunt December 13 through January 31 on designated areas of state parks at:

(a) Barren River;

(b) Grayson Lake;

(c) Greenbo Lake;

(d) Lake Barkley;

(e) Lincoln Homestead;

(f) Nolin Lake;

(g) Paintsville Lake;

(h) Pennyrile Lake;

(i) Rough River Lake; and

(j) Yatesville Lake.

(2) Hunters shall check in each day at the front desk of the state park or a designated check-in location on days that the park office is not open.

(3) During check-in, hunters shall be provided a map showing designated areas of the park that are open to waterfowl hunting.

(4) Hunters shall check out each day at the front desk of the state park or a designated check-out location on days that the park office is not open.

Section 7. Youth-Mentor and Mobility-Impaired Waterfowl Hunts. (1) There shall be youth-mentor waterfowl hunts on the Minor Clark and Peter W. Pfeiffer fish hatcheries

each Saturday and Sunday in January.

(2) There shall be a mobility-impaired waterfowl hunt at Minor Clark Fish Hatchery that is held concurrently with each youth-mentor hunt.

(3) There shall be a waterfowl blind at Doug Travis WMA assigned by a random pre-season electronic drawing among all mobility-impaired applicants.

(4) A youth or mobility-impaired person shall:

(a) Apply on the department's Web site at fw.ky.gov between November 1 and November 15;~~register in advance~~ and

(b) Carry a department-provided postcard notification on the day of the hunt.

(5)~~[(4)]~~ A mobility-impaired person shall carry~~[also submit]~~ a mobility-impaired access permit pursuant to 301 KAR 3:026.

(6)~~[(5)]~~ Each youth shall be accompanied by an adult who is eighteen (18) years or older.

(7) At the youth-mentor hunts:

(a)~~[(6)]~~ Each youth shall not be accompanied by more than one (1) adult; and~~;~~

(b)~~[(7)]~~ One (1) adult may accompany two (2) youths.

(8) ~~[A mobility-impaired hunter may be accompanied by no more than one (1) assistant who may also hunt.~~

(9) A person shall:

(a) Hunt from an established blind; and

(b) Not change blinds.

~~(9)~~~~[(10)]~~ A blind shall not be used by more than four (4) hunters.

~~(10)~~~~[(11)]~~ A person shall only discharge a firearm from a blind.

~~(11)~~~~[(12)]~~ A person shall not possess more than twenty-five (25)~~[fifteen (15)]~~ shotshells.

~~(12)~~~~[(13)]~~ A waterfowl hunter, mentor, or assistant shall immediately retrieve downed birds.

~~(13)~~~~[(14)]~~ A person shall encase a firearm if traveling to and from a blind.

~~(14)~~~~[(15)]~~ A hunter at Minor Clark or Peter Pfeiffer Fish Hatcheries shall:

(a) Cease hunting by noon; and

(b) Exit the area by 1 p.m.

~~(15)~~~~[(16)]~~ All decoys and equipment shall be removed at the end of each day's hunt.

~~(16)~~~~[(17)]~~ A hunter at Minor Clark or Peter Pfeiffer Fish Hatcheries shall report harvest by depositing a completed hunt permit at the designated location.

Section 8. Incorporation by Reference. (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "Sloughs WMA Waterfowl Hunter Survey Report", [January] 2014 edition; [and]

(b) "Ballard or Sloughs Waterfowl Quota Hunt Form", [January] 2014 edition;[.]

(c) "Hatcheries Youth-Mentor/Mobility-Impaired Canada Goose Hunt Application", 2017 edition; and

(d) "Doug Travis WMA Mobility-Impaired Waterfowl Hunt Application", 2017 edition.

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Gregory K. Johnson, Commissioner
Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources



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Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet

Date: 5/8/17

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on June 22, 2017 at 9 a.m. at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in the Commission Room of the Arnold L. Mitchell Building, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky. Individuals interested in attending this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five business days prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled.

This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made.

If you do not wish to attend the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation through June 30, 2017.

Send written notification of intent to attend the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to:

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

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(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: This administrative regulation establishes waterfowl seasons, bag limits and requirements on public lands within federal migratory bird hunting frameworks established in 50 CFR Part 20 according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: The necessity of this administrative regulation is to establish the 2017-2018 waterfowl hunting requirements on public lands in accordance with the USFWS and Department management objectives.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to establish hunting season dates, bag limits and other hunting requirements. KRS 150.360 authorizes the department to restrict methods and hunting hours for taking wildlife. KRS 150.600(1) authorizes the department to regulate the taking of waterfowl on public and private land. This administrative regulation establishes procedures for the taking of waterfowl within reasonable limits and within the frameworks established by 50 C.F.R. Parts 20 and 21.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation assists the above statutes by managing waterfowl populations and hunting opportunity consistent with state and national management requirements and strategies.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: This amendment establishes application procedures for a random drawing for mobility-impaired hunters at Doug Travis WMA and for youth-mentor and mobility-impaired hunts at Minor Clark and Pfeiffer fish hatcheries.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: This amendment is necessary to provide quality public hunting opportunity with minimal area use conflict that is consistent with meeting state and federal waterfowl management objectives.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: See 1(c) above.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: See 1(d) above.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: There are approximately 20,000 waterfowl hunters in Kentucky that may be affected by this administrative regulation.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: Hunters will need to comply with all application procedures and hunting requirements established for public lands in this administrative regulation.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): There will be no additional or amended costs to those identified in question (3).

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): Additional opportunity will be provided for mobility-impaired hunters wishing to hunt Doug Travis WMA and additional clarification is provided for hunts at department hatcheries.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: There will not be an additional cost to the agency to implement this administrative regulation initially.

(b) On a continuing basis: There will not be an additional cost to the agency on a continuing basis.

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The source of funding is the State Game and Fish Fund.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: It will not be necessary to increase a fee or funding to implement this administrative regulation.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or indirectly increased any fees: This administrative regulation does not establish any fees nor does it indirectly increase any fees.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? No. The same guidelines and limits apply to all hunters.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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(1) What units, parts, or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Divisions of Wildlife and Law Enforcement will be impacted by this amendment.

(2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to promulgate administrative regulations to establish open seasons for the taking of wildlife and to regulate bag limits. KRS 150.360 authorizes the department to restrict methods of taking wildlife. KRS 150.600(1) authorizes the department to regulate the taking of waterfowl on public and private land. This administrative regulation establishes procedures for the taking of waterfowl within reasonable limits and within the frameworks established by 50 C.F.R. Parts 20 and 21.

(3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? This administrative regulation will not generate any additional funding for state or local government during the first year.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? This administrative regulation will not generate any additional funding for state or local government during subsequent years.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? There will be no additional costs for the first year.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? There will

be no additional costs incurred for subsequent years.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-):

Expenditures (+/-):

Other Explanation:

Summary of Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The "Hatcheries Youth-Mentor/Mobility-Impaired Canada Goose Hunt Application", 2017 edition, is a one-page, single-sided application that a person completes on the department's Web site in order to register for a random, computerized drawing for the hatcheries' youth-mentor hunt or the hatcheries' mobility-impaired Canada goose hunt.

(2) The "Doug Travis WMA Mobility-Impaired Waterfowl Hunt Application", 2017 edition, is a one-page, single-sided application that a person completes on the department's Web site in order to register for a random, computerized drawing for the Doug Travis mobility-impaired waterfowl hunt.



Hatcheries Youth-Mentor/Mobility-Impaired Canada Goose Hunt Application

Applicants selected for hunts will be mailed a quota hunt permit for the dates they are drawn, a map showing the blind location and other instructions concerning the hunt. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. Duplicate applications for the same hunt will result in disqualification.

General Information

First Name*

First Name

Last Name*

Last Name

Phone*

(XXX) XXX-XXXX

Address*

123 Street Name

City*

City

State*

NY

Zip*

55555

Email*

email@domain.com

Hunt Information

Location

Select a Location

Date

Select a Hunt Date

☐ Select All Dates

[+ Add](#)

Selected Hunts

Hunt Date

Location

[Submit Hunt Application](#)



Doug Travis WMA Mobility-Impaired Waterfowl Hunt Application

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General Information

First Name*

First Name

Last Name*

Last Name

Phone*

(907) 555-XXXX

Address*

123 Street Name

City*

City

State*

AK

Zip*

99505

Email*

email@domain.com

Hunt Information

You may choose up to three dates, please order selections in order of preference. One more selection available

Location

Doug Travis WMA

Date

Select a Hunt Date



☐ will accept any available dates

+ Add

Selected Hunts Ordered By Preference

Order

Hunt Date

Location

Re-Order

Submit Hunt Application